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Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed

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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL SUMMARIES AND ENACTED LAWS

This *Legislative Digest of Bill Summaries and Enacted Laws* contains summaries of all LDs and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 129th Maine Legislature.

The *Digest* is arranged alphabetically by committee and within each committee by Legislative Document (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor and lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each LD title. All adopted amendments are summarized and listed by paper number. A subject index is included with each committee. An appendix provides a summary of relevant session statistics.

Final action on each LD is noted to the right of the LD title. The following describes the various final actions.

CARRIED OVER..... carried over to a subsequent session of the Legislature
CON RES XXX..... chapter # of constitutional resolution passed by both houses
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE..... Committee of Conference unable to agree; legislation died
DIED BETWEEN HOUSES..... House & Senate disagreed; legislation died
DIED IN CONCURRENCE..... defeated in each house, but on different motions; legislation died
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT..... action incomplete when session ended; legislation died
EMERGENCY..... enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment
FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE..... emergency failed to receive required 2/3 vote
FAILED, ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE..... failed to receive final majority vote
FAILED, MANDATE ENACTMENT..... legislation proposing local mandate failed required 2/3 vote
HELD BY GOVERNOR..... Governor has not signed; final disposition to be determined at subsequent session
LEAVE TO WITHDRAW..... sponsor's request to withdraw legislation granted
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY..... ruled out of order by the presiding officer; legislation died
INDEF PP..... indefinitely postponed; legislation died
ONTP, ACCEPTED, MAJORITY, MINORITY or REPORT X... ought-not-to-pass report accepted; legislation died
P&S XXX..... chapter # of enacted private & special law
PUBLIC XXX..... chapter # of enacted public law
RESOLVE XXX..... chapter # of finally passed resolve
VETO SUSTAINED..... Legislature failed to override Governor's veto

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature is Thursday, September 19, 2019. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure may be found in the enacted law summary for that legislation.

Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-275)

The amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section. This amendment also makes technical corrections.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 274 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to provide coverage to a MaineCare member for abortion services. The law provides that abortion services that are not approved Medicaid services must be funded by the State. The bill also directs the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt rules no later than March 1, 2020 and authorizes the department to adopt rules using the emergency rule-making provisions of the Maine Administrative Procedure Act.

Public Law 2019, chapter 274 also requires that health insurance carriers that provide coverage for maternity services also provide coverage for abortion services. The law applies this requirement to all health insurance policies and contracts issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2020, except for those religious employers granted an exclusion of coverage. The law authorizes the Superintendent of Insurance to grant an exemption from the requirements if enforcement of the requirements would adversely affect the allocation of federal funds to the State.

LD 842 An Act Relating to Insurance Companies and Totaled Motor Vehicles

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
COLLINGS B GRATWICK G	ONTP	

This bill requires motor vehicle insurance policies to allow an insured to maintain possession of an insured motor vehicle determined a total loss by the insurer if the insured provides a credible estimate from a motor vehicle mechanic or repair facility detailing repairs that, if performed, would conform the motor vehicle to state motor vehicle inspection standards. This bill allows an insurer to deduct from a settlement paid for damage to a totaled vehicle an amount equal to the motor vehicle's salvage value if the insured elects to maintain possession of the motor vehicle.

LD 849 An Act To Allow Chiropractic Internships

PUBLIC 187

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DOORE D LAWRENCE M	OTP-AM	H-262

This bill establishes a new temporary license for chiropractic interns. The bill describes the supervision and credentialing requirements for licensure and the process by which an applicant may gain licensure. The bill provides the Board of Chiropractic Licensure with rule-making authority.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-262)

This amendment does the following.

1. It makes clear that the fee for a temporary license must be established in accordance with existing law.
2. It clarifies that an applicant for a temporary license must provide documentation of professional liability insurance.